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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7477

BILL NUMBER: HB 1380

DATE PREPARED: Jan 7, 2001

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Indiana Family Farm Commission.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill creates the Indiana Family Farm Commission. The bill provides for administration and membership of the Family Farm Commission.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill creates the 17-member Indiana Family Farm Commission. The Commission shall do the following: (1) Study all aspects of family farming and the methods to preserve family farms. (2) Recommend policy initiatives to the Governor that encourage family farming. (3) Develop a strategic plan for family farming preservation. (4) Encourage cooperation among state agencies, federal agencies, and state educational institutions that administer programs concerning family farms. (5) Increase family farm awareness throughout Indiana. (6) Promote economical and environmentally sound agricultural production on family farms.

The Commissioner of Agriculture will serve as chair of the Commission. There will be two additional members who are state employees, four legislators, and ten lay members. Lay members are entitled to a per diem of \$50 and travel expenses. State employees who are members of the Commission will be reimbursed for travel expenses. Staff, administrative support, and expenses for the Commission will be paid by the Commissioner. Legislative members of the Commission will receive a per diem of \$112 and travel expenses which will be paid by the Legislative Council out of the appropriation for legislator travel. The aforementioned appropriations come from the State General Fund. Total costs will depend on the number of meetings held.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Department of Agriculture, Legislative Services Agency.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: